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TAGS: BDIS, AG
SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: THOMAS P. GONZALEZ CORP.

1. SINCE SEPTEMBER EMBASSY REGULARLY HAS BEEN RECEIVING LETTERS FROM THOMAS R. GONZALEZ, PRESIDENT OF SUBJECT COMPANY, COMPLAINING ABOUT THEIR DEALINGS WITH ALE-RIAN STATE CORPORATION ONACO. COPIES OF THESE LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO BIC/EID. ON TWO OCCASIONS GONZALEZ HAS WRITTEN TO BIC/EID. MOST RECENT LETTER FROM GONZALEZ, DATED APRIL 1, BEING POUCHED TO BIC/EID.

2. UNTIL NOW GONZALEZ' "CLAIMS" ALL HAVE BOILED DOWN TO FACT THAT ONACO IS LATE MAKING PAYMENTS. NOW TWO NEW ELEMENTS HAVE ENTERED PICTURE. ONE OF GONZALEZ' "CLAIMS" IS FOR \$160,107.64 FOR DEMURRAGE ON THE EGEON (INVOICE NO. 2010). ONACO IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTATION FROM SHIPPING COMPANY (BELIEVE NAME HALCOUSSIS SHIPPING LTD) INDICATING DEMURRAGE CHARGE ABOUT \$100,000. ONACO SAYS GONZALEZ SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY HALCOUSSIS MORE THAN THIS. FURTHER, DOCUMENTATION IN POSSESSION ONACO IS IN NAME OF HALCOUSSIS, SO GONZALEZ MUST SEND INVOICES EITHER INDICATING HE HAS PAID HALCOUSSIS OR IS OBLIGED TO PAY HALCOUSSIS. IN OTHER WORDS, ONACO SAYS THEIR DOCUMENTATION INCOMPLETE TO SUBSTANTIATE GONZALEZ CLAIM. ONACO ALSO SAYS THEY

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WAITING FOR DOCUMENTATION TO PROCESS ANCO ELIAS
PAYMENT OF \$24,482,63.

3. SECOND NEW ELEMENT IS THAT ONACO SAYS THAT FEBRUARY SHIPMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH APRIL SHIPMENT JUST RECEIVED LAST WEEK. ONACO CLAIMS APPROX \$120,000 FOR FEBRUARY SHIPMENT. ONACO EMPHASIZES,

HOWEVER, THEY WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE THE SHIPMENT
THAN THE \$120,000.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE PROBLEMS DO NOT REALLY DESCRIBE "TRADE DISPUTE" AND DO NOT WARRANT CONTINUING EMBASSY INTERVENTION. FIRST ISSUE SIMPLY THAT OF LATE PAYMENT. HOWEVER UNFORTUNATE, THIS IS FACT OF LIFE IN DOING BUSINESS IN ALGERIA, AND THERE NOTHING EMBASSY CAN DO TO SPEED UP PAYMENTS. EXCEPTIONALLY, WHEN PAYMENTS VERY LATE (DEFINED AS MORE THAN ONE YEAR) EMBASSY HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS FACILITATING PAYMENTS. SECOND TWO PROBLEMS INVOLVE LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GONZALEZ AND ONACO. ONACO CLAIMS TO HAVE SENT SEVERAL TELEXES ON THESE MATTERS. GONZALEZ SAYS HE HASN'T RECEIVED THEM. PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT ALL GONZALEZ' COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN IN ENGLISH, WHICH NOT UNDERSTOOD BY ONACO. ONACO SUGGESTS PERHAPS BEST WAY TO CLEAR UP ALL THESE ISSUES WOULD BE FOR GONZALEZ SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ALGIERS TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES DIRECTLY WITH ONACO. EMBASSY HEARTLY ENDORSES THIS SUGGESTION. WE DO NOT WISH TO ACT AS PERMANENT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN TWO PARTIES.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC'S DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH GONZALEZ TO URGE HIM TO REOPEN DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH ONACO. EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN RESPOND DIRECTLY TO MOST RECENT GONZALEZ LETTER AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT IF CONTENTS PARAS 2 AND 3 UNCLASSIFIED

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